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SAW OTHER MUSEUMS

INSPECTING COMMITTEE RETURN FROM EAST

Much Valuable Data Secured Prof. Nutting Gets Additions To Museum Specimens

Prof. C. C. Nutting, Regent P. K. Holbrook of Onawa and Architect Proudfoot who constituted a committee from the board of regents to visit eastern museums with the idea of securing plans for Iowa's new science hall have returned. The members of the committee declare that their trip was very profitable and they have secured data which will be of great service in the erection of Iowa's new science hall. The museums which were visited by the committee were: Field Columbian Museum Chicago; Museum of the Chicago Academy of Science; Pittsburg's Carnegie Museum; Washington National Museum; The Museum of Comparative Zoology of Harvard, at Boston; The American Museum of Natural History at New York City. The members of the committee were gone about ten days.

One of the important details which the committee especially posted itself upon was the light question. The question of proper lighting is one of the utmost importance in the erection of a museum building and is one that is most often neglected. Prof. Nutting believes that this question will be well considered in the erection of the Iowa Museum.

While in the east, Prof. Nutting made arrangements for securing a large amount of additional valuable material for placing in the new museum here. The other large museums about the country are largely indebted to the Iowa museum for services which the Iowa science professors have given them in expeditions and other scientific investigations. These obligations are to be paid in material for the new museum. The material cannot now be brought here because of the lack of room and the danger of fire but will be brought in as soon as the new building is ready. Much of the material will come from the national museum at Washington.

Seven new compound microscopes have been placed in the Zoological Laboratory.

Miss Madge Young has gone to the home of her father, Dr. A. M. Young, to recuperate.

Prof. A. A. Veblen will deliver lectures tonight and Saturday in Northwood and other Iowa towns.

W. H. Bremner, Iowa's Patron saint in athletics who is now city solicitor of Des Moines will be temporary chairman of today's republican convention of Polk county.

DECIDE TO PLAY BALL

INTER-FRAT BASEBALL A SURE GO

League Formed—Officers Elected—Committee to Make Schedule and Rules

Another interfraternity baseball tournament is assured. At the meeting of fraternity representatives last night at the Sigma Nu house a Pan-Hellenic Baseball League was organized and officers were elected. Elbert of Beta Theta Pi was chosen president of the league and McNett of Sigma Nu, secretary and treasurer. The representatives of the various chapters will proceed at once to the arrangement of a schedule of games and the compilation of a set of rules to govern the tournament. Most of the representatives at the meeting last night expressed themselves as favorable to the adoption of strict rules so that all possibility of dispute might be eliminated. The series of games will begin as soon as the weather will permit and the fraternity men can get their arms limbered up.

The outcome of the tournament will be watched with interest. Three such tournaments have been carried out in years past and no one fraternity has succeeded in getting the trophy twice. The tournament three years ago was won by Beta Theta Pi. Two years ago Sigma Nu was victorious and last year Kappa Sigma got the silver trophy.

President McLean Talks

In interview in today's Register and Leader, President Geo. E. MacLean says:

"We are simply making a determined effort to get payment of a debt which the people owe themselves," referring to the university appropriation bill. "Governor Cummins says not to use the word 'request' of the legislature, but simply for us to lay our needs before that body. There will always be people that are slow in realizing that the university is theirs; that it is a part of the people and a part of the state. Then when a dollar is spent in making the university better it is an investment of a dollar from which the people receive the profits. Many people realize this fact, but there are some who don't. I have no complaints to make. The university is growing in strength and usefulness, and the prospects for the securing of funds for the improvement of its different departments are good."

S. E. Stanfield L. '04 has been called home by the illness of his father.

Dr. W. L. Dean will soon depart for a fortnight's stay in the southwest, in quest of rest and recreation.

ONE GAME WAS TIED

THIRD NIGHT OF WHIST TOURNAMENT

Kappa Sigma And Phi Delta Theta Tie—Tau Delts and Betas Win Their Games

Delta Tau Delta	1,000
Kappa Sigma	1,000
Phi Kappa Psi	.500
Phi Delta Theta	.500
Sigma Nu	.500
Beta Theta Pi	.333
Sigma Chi	.000

Last night's whist games did not materially change the percentages of the various teams. Phi Kappa Psi was torn from the 1,000 mark by the Delta Tau Deltas who played an unusually strong game. Beta Theta Pi got out of the .000 station by defeating Sigma Chi four up. The failure of the percentage table to show a more decided change was due to the fact that Kappa Sigma and Phi Delta Theta failed to come to a decision last night, the game being a tie. The tie will probably be played off at some future date.

Delta Tau Delta was represented last night by Simpson and Middleton; Phi Kappa Psi by Law and Thornburg; Kappa Sigma by Moore and Herrick; Phi Delta Theta by Loizeaux and Oelkers; Beta Theta Pi by Finkbine and Elbert and Sigma Chi by Ross and Edgerton. Sigma Nu did not play, the series being played at Sigma Nu house.

Play next week will be at the Sigma Chi house. Delta Tau Delta and Kappa Sigma will debate for first place then; Beta Theta Pi and Phi Kappa Psi will meet, and Sigma Nu and Phi Delta Theta will be opponents. Four games remain to be played.

Museum For Iowa

Marengo Democrat:—Active steps are being taken toward erecting a suitable building in which to house the treasures contained in the Museum in the State University at Iowa City. The citizens of the state are not aware of the value of the collection of rare beautiful and curious things that have been made by the university management. Many of the departments possess specimens not to be found elsewhere, and that cannot be duplicated if lost. It is to be hoped that accident may not befall them in their present unprotected state. A committee is now in the east examining the best structures for museum purposes, preparatory to planning a building that shall supply the present needs and look toward the future as well.

Columbia University has just paid off the last cent of its athletic debt, amounting to \$12,590. The debt has been standing for several years. \$7,000 of this debt was paid by the football association this year.

TO HAVE CONVENTION

ZETS WILL EMULATE NATIONAL REPUBLICANS

Mock Convention for the Nomination of a President—Details to be Arranged

The wheel horses of the republican party who have any doubt as to how the next republican national convention should be run can get some valuable pointers from the members of the Zetagathian literary society of the State University of Iowa.

At the meeting of that society tonight plans will be laid for a mock republican national convention. The members will be divided up into delegations representing the various states and the convention will proceed to conduct such business as will appropriately come before it as a national political gathering. None of the details have yet been worked out but will be tonight.

It is understood to be the tenor of the convention that President Roosevelt be re-nominated by acclamation as a sign of approval of his efficient administration of affairs. There is apt to be considerable discussion over the question of a platform as the probable delegates are somewhat divided as to how far the Iowa Idea shall be allowed to figure in the makeup of the platform.

J. O. Johnson is said to be a candidate for the office of temporary chairman and H. D. Hunt may be permanent chairman.

Are Eating Poison

Fifteen members of the Alpha Sigma medical fraternity at the University of Michigan and four women students are imperiling their lives for the cause of science by eating a deadly poison to test its effects. This startling experiment has been going on for several days but as all attempts by outsiders to discover the nature of the poison have failed. Dr. A. E. Ebershoff of the homeopathic department is conducting the experiment and has made the announcement that though the poison is a powerful one the doses are to be very minute in quantity.

The drug was snipped from New York and at the same time it was sent to Michigan the New York papers reported that it was cyanide of cacodyl, a drug ten thousand times more deadly than Prussic acid. Three grains of it thrown into a theater would kill the whole audience. When the experiment was begun only members of the medical fraternity were allowed to undergo the test, but later on four women were also allowed the privilege on their earnest solicitation.

Hal Willis and C. C. Foster have spent the last three days in preliminary survey work on the Davenport and Muscatine Interurban.

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A Gentle Knock

The IOWAN does not believe in knocking, but it does believe that no harm can come from calling attention to the disinclination on the part of the students to lend their patronage to such entertainments as was given at the opera house last Saturday night by Henry Watterson. In most places the announcement that Henry Watterson was to speak would insure a packed house but it is a lamentable fact that those students who clubbed together to secure this date for Henry Watterson were compelled to go down into their pockets to the extent of almost \$100 to make up the expense. And all of this in addition to the trouble they experienced. The money from the sale of tickets just covered one half of the expense of the venture.

What is the matter? Don't Iowa students appreciate the

value of an opportunity to hear a popular lecturer on a popular subject? The faculty was well represented in the audience.

It is to be hoped that the auditorium which the university is soon to get will stimulate an interest in such things as popular lectures. Surely the students will feel a deeper interest in them if given under the auspices of the university and in a university auditorium. In addition to this fact, lecturers will feel freer to come under university auspices than under present conditions.

Newspaper correspondents in the various educational institutions are now busily engaged in telling of the promised strength of their baseball and track teams. The hard luck stories will be next in order.

When in doubt, start training.

EXCHANGE

The board of managers of Carlisle are trying to sign Yost, the Michigan coach, as athletic director of the Indian school.

Much disapproval is being expressed by students and faculty of Nebraska over the location of a new physics building on the athletic field by the board of regents of the University.

At the University of Indiana, a prize of twenty-five dollars has been offered to the undergraduate doing the best newspaper work for the coming year. This covers the work done by students on the college daily.

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The Baconian Club meets on Friday evening, March 4, at 7:30 in the Physics Lecture Room. The paper will be read by Professor Shimek on the subject: "The White Sands of New Mexico—Illustrated."

Sympathies from Ames

I. S. C. Student:—Iowa is considering plans for her gymnasium. We extend our sympathies because we have been doing that same kind of considering for the last the years.

Not Enthusiastic

Not more than half a dozen athletes turned out to the meeting last night in the old capitol. The meeting had been called for a consideration of the training table plan, the table to be supported by the athletes themselves. This apathy probably means no training table

The members of Professor Wilson's German Seminar yesterday heard an extremely interesting and instructive report on "Goethe, as a Scientist" presented by Mrs. Leroy Weld, wife of Professor Weld, of Coe College. Goethe's works and discoveries in the fields of Botany, Physics, Morphology and Geology were renewed in a very thorough and scholarly manner. Mrs. Weld was formerly Miss Lulu Graf of the class of '02 and the report which is one presented by her last year as a member of the Seminar repeated by request.

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